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Transmitted herewith is the patent application of inventor(s) Richard RÖLLIN, Beat MOSER; and Urs KOCH entitled THORAX DRAINAGE SYSTEM, for a(n):

- () Original Patent Application.
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- (X) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.
- () Applicant claims small entity status.

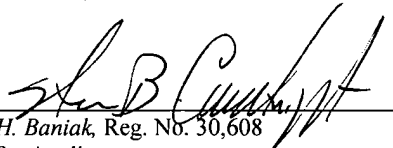
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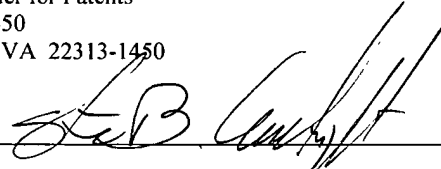
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